

REMARKS

The applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 26 is allowed. Claims 32 and 54-56 depend directly or indirectly from claim 26 and, therefore, should be allowed as well.

The Office action also indicated that dependent claim 10 includes allowable subject matter. That claim has been rewritten in independent form and should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 2-9, 11, 34-35 and 44-47 depend directly or indirectly from claim 10 and also should be in condition for allowance.

Independent claims 12 and 33 have been amended to recite, like claim 10, that the sheet-like board member is made of metal. Those claims, as well as dependent claims 13-25, 36-43, 48-53 and 37-60, should now be allowable.

Method 61-64 claims depend from the foregoing claims and, therefore, also should be allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable action.

Enclosed is a check for excess claim fees and a check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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